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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-147-C - ORDER NO. 97-309
APRIL 14, 1997

IN RE: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. -) ORDER
Amendments to General Subscriber) GRANTING
Service Reducing Rotary (Hunting)) INVESTIGATION
Rate.)

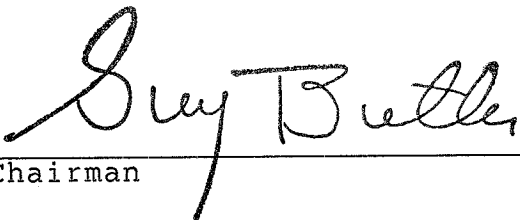
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Petition for Investigation filed by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI), and Petitions to Intervene by AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc., the Consumer Advocate for the State of South Carolina, and the South Carolina Public Communications Association.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth), in its General Subscriber Service Tariff, is reducing rates to bring BellSouth into compliance with those provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-128. The reduction is applicable to Rotary Line Service for business and to eliminate Zone Mileage charges. MCI, for example, raises concerns about the tariff in several areas, and therefore, requests that we investigate, using the procedure established in our Order No. 96-19, and other statutes, rules and regulations of the Commission.

We believe that MCI has stated good cause for an investigation. A Docket shall therefore be created concerning this matter, and appropriate procedures instituted to investigate this BellSouth tariff filing. We do conclude, however, that BellSouth has complied with the FCC Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-128. However, other matters remain open for investigation, which shall be addressed in this Docket.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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